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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a), this Information Disclosure Statement includes PTO Form PTO/SB/08a listing patents, publications, applications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office.

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first office action on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no fee or certification is required. In the event there are any fees payable, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

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